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DEPENDING UPON PRESS REACTION TOMORROW AND HOW WELL FONMIN
SCHACHT AND MINES MINISTER HERNANDEZ HANDLE THEMSELVES BEFORE
CONGRESSIONAL INTERROGATION, I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE KRUEGER
WAITING IN THE WINGS TO COME BACK FAIRLY SOON. OTHERWISE, WE HAVE
NEW BAIT IN STAFFDEL DAVID STANG (STATE 183536), MINORITY COUNSEL,
OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR
OF THE SENATE'S NATIONAL FUEL AND ENERGY STUDY, WHO HAS ASKED FOR
AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE MINISTER OF MINES FOR AUGUST 27, WHICH HAS
BEEN GRANTED. I SUGGEST THAT STANG BE CAREFULLY COACHED ABOUT THE
KRUEGER DEBACLE, BUT DO TELL HIM THAT I SHOULD BE GLAD TO GIVE HIM
CARTE BLANCHE IN HIS INTERVIEWS IN CARACAS. WE SHALL TAKE THIS LINE
WITH PRESS IF QUERIED. STANG WILL BE MET TOMORROW BY
PETROLEUM ATTACHE GRAHAM.
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